

**NJAJE Executive Board Meeting**  
**Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ**  
**Monday, October 9, 2017, 5:30 PM**

**Call to order – 5:33 P.M.**

Attendance: Joe Verderese, Jeff Haas, John Maiello, Meredith FOREman, Miguel Bolivar, Jeff Lesser, Dave Demsey, David May, Mike Anzuini, Joe Bongiovi, Randy White

Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

**Secretary Report – Joe Verderese**

- June 2017 minutes were emailed to all members prior to the meeting.
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting pending change of date for state finals - which should be APRIL 28 – Jeff Lesser
  - Second – Dave May
  - All in favor

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**Treasurer Report – Joe Bongiovi (Via email)**

**CURRENT BALANCES:**

- PNC Checking - \$1,772,78
- PNC Money Market Savings - \$0.00 (Closed temporarily)
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$14,987.88

**DETAILED EXPENSES/ACCOUNTS:**

- All financial movement was handed out for review.
- 2 minor discrepancies in account are being researched and fixed
- 2 outstanding checks at the moment which still need to be cashed
- Money market was closed temporarily to avoid monthly fees.
- Discussion regarding the Certificate of Deposit - this will be maturing around the time of the next meeting and we will decide which type of account to move this money into to keep it accessible to pay scholarships while still gaining the highest interest rate

## **OTHER FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

- Joe B. will create documents to aid in the collection of fees from the Region presidents and host schools regarding auditions, concerts and all other events.
  - Discussion regarding trying to find ways to increase our revenue stream.
  - We will be reaching out to some other trophy distributors to see if we can cut the costs without cutting the quality
  - Motion to accept treasurer's report – Joe V
    - Second – Dave Demsey
    - All in favor
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## **President Report – Mike Anzuini**

- **All State Jazz Ensembles**
    - Band Report: (Mike A)
      - Walt Weiskopf is working with the band
      - First rehearsals were 2 weeks ago
      - Dave Demsey will rehearse the band at the 2nd rehearsal
      - Groups will perform at NJPAC in the Chase Room again this year
      - Wallace Roney will be the featured guest artist
      - In need of a manager for all-state jazz ensemble in Atlantic City
    - Choir Report: (Randy W)
      - Tim Brent is working with the choir
      - Steve Bishop will manage All-State Jazz Choir
    - Mike A has continued dialogue with NJMEA in regards to getting pianos for the performance at Claridge
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## **Vice President Report – Jeff Haas**

- **Conference**
  - Presenter - Lewis Porter from Rutgers Newark
  - Adrianna Cuervo will be there with him
  - Will set up for 2 nights hotel for Walk Weiskopf
  - Detailed budget for the conference was discussed

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## **Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser**

- **Membership** - 65 registrations received so far
- **All State Auditions** - hosted by Lenape
- **Festival**
  - Has been running at maximum capacity for many years.
  - Last year's procedural changes were received well
  - Currently there are a few open spots left at some locations and there is 1 location that is already full
- **Gala**
  - In the event that a band who qualifies for the gala is unable to attend, we would fill the spots by asking band 4 from that division and then from the other divisions, then band 5 from each division, etc.
  - Location - some conversation has been had regarding trying to find a college or higher level venue
  - Saturday, May 12 - 1pm
- **Emcees** – We need to find a way to get board members at all of the events to serve as emcees.
  - **Dates and emcees** for Prelims and Finals
    - **March 5** – West Orange – **Jeff Lesser**
    - **March 6** – Bridgewater Raritan -
    - **March 7** – Cherokee - **Mike Anzuini**
    - **March 8** – Jackson – **Deb Knisely**
    - **March 9** – Newark Academy – **Joe Verderese**
    - **April 28** – JP Stevens - **Jeff Haas**
    - **April 28** – Princeton
    - **April 28** – Burlington City - **Dave May (pending eligibility)**

## **Region I report – (John Maiello)**

- HS Conductor - Mike Russo
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions at Ridgewood in 2018

- Festival Location TBD

### **Region II report – (Miguel Bolivar)**

- HS Conductor - TBD
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Rahway
- First rehearsal - Hopewell
- Festival Location - Rahway

### **Region III report – (Deb Knisely via Mike Anzuini)**

- HS Conductor - TBD
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Lenape in 2018
- Festival location - Cinnaminson

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### **Report of the Auditions Chair (Jeff Brown)**

- Jot forms are updated for this year
- Hoping to get audition paperwork up by December 1
- Online payment option did not work out for this year due to difficulties in notification in regards to who has paid online and who has not.
- Jeff Brown will be stepping down from this position (effective at the end of 2017-2018 school year) but is working to helping find a replacement.

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### **Vocal Jazz Report (Randy White)**

- **Festival Notes:**
  - Friday, April 27 @Hopewell
  - Announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
  - Announce each group's rating
  - Announce other specialty awards - rhythm section, solo, etc.
  - Make sure to separate vocal soloist awards from rhythm section soloists
- **Region Choirs:**

- Discussion regarding moving on-line auditions to happen outside of the school musical season
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### **Higher Ed Report – (Dave Demsey)**

- Intercollegiate Jazz Band - Conductor - TBD
  - Nominations will be completed by December
  - Performs Thursday night at NJMEA
  - Guest clinicians from universities/colleges are available for small groups as well as big bands.
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### **Social Media Coordinator (Meredith Foreman)**

- Look to get more active on Social Media
  - Formation of Facebook group to put out information along with other possible avenues
  - Motion to approve formation of standard and educationally accepted social media accounts including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. - DAVE MAY
  - Second - Jeff Haas
  - All in Favor
  - Jersey Jazzer position has been re-delegated as social media coordinator
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### **New Business**

- n/a

### **Old Business**

- **Combo Clinics** - There have been some requests for clinicians for the coming year
- **Region audition solos** - are posted online
- **Middle School Festival** - possibility of starting a middle festival - with ratings - in the Spring. Could be hosted in Princeton. This would be coordinated by Joe Bongiovi and is something that may be able to be put together as soon as this school year.

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**For the Good of the Order**

- n/a

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**Motion to adjourn** – Mike Anzuini

**Second** – Joe Verderese

**Adjourned** – 8:24 pm

**\*\*\*Spring Meeting** – Monday, January 15, 2018 @8:30am – Site TBA